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ALthough the Quenes most excellent Maiestie myght accordyng to the good example of good and wylle prynces, leue great summes of money at this present, by due execution of sundry holsome lawes, vpon great number of her subiectes, for transgressing the same, and namly for the wearyng of such excessive and inordinate apparell, as in no age hath bene seene the lyke, whereby also shoulde ensue suche notable benefite to the common wealth, as harde it were by any other wayes to deuyle so great. Yet the singuler goodnes of her Maiesties nature is suche, to forbeare the extending of any sodayne and vnlooked for extremitie, that in these cases her Maiestie hath thought rather necessary by this proclamation to notisfe her highnes determination, with her priuie counsayle, amonges many other her weyghtie assayzes for this that followeth, then sodenly to extende the penaltie of her lawes.

By her Maiesties sayde counsayle, by her commaundement, shall and wyll presently take order, that the statute made in the first and seconde yeres of king Philip and Quene Mary, and certayne other braunches of another statute made the. xxxiiii. yere of king Henry the eyght, agaynst excessive apparell, shalbe put in execution both within her Maiesties Court, and in their owne houses, with a certayne fauourable procedyng, touchyng such as can not presently without theye ouergreat losse, chaunge their vnlawefull apparell which they presently haue. wherein because her Maiestie trusteth that the example shall enduce the rest of her subiectes to reforme their disorders: Her Maiestie hath wylled her sayd priuie counsayle, to publishe by her auctoritie theye decree and order in this behalfe.

And for like tolleration towarde such as liue in the Countrey out of her Court, her Maiestie chargeth forth, with all Maiors and governours of Cities and Townes corporate, al Sheriffes and Justices of peace, in shires, all noble men of the estate of Barons and aboue, all governours and heddes of any societys and companyes, eyther Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, forthwith, or at the furthest within the space of .xxi. dayes after the publicatiōn hereof, to devise, accorde, and take order, eyther accordyng to the example of her Maiesties counsayle, or els after some other better maner, as the place shall require, for the execution of the foresayde statute and braunches, specified hereafter in a biseue abstract and draught annexed to this proclamation, within the limitte of theye charge, so as her Maiestie may take some comfort of her tolleration, and the common wealth some releife of the great damage hereby sustayned. wherein if her Maiestie shall see her expectation deceived, she shal therby haue iust occasion to procede with execution of her lawes, both to the benefite of her common weale, and to the chastisement of such disorderd subiectes, as beyng fauourably warned, wyll not amende. whiche thing her Maiestie purposeth certaynely to do in more effectuall sorte, then heretofore hath ben. And because the tolleration of these abuses shall not be drawen to any sinistre occasion of continuaunce of this abuse:

Her Maiestie chargeth and commaundeth that there be no tolleration had, nor excuse allowed, after the. xx. day of December next, as touchyng all the contentes of the sayde statute, in the first and seconde yeres of kyng Philip and Quene Mary, neyther after the last of January next, as touchyng the braunches of the other statute of the. xxxiiii. yere of king Henry the eyght, noted hereafter in the ende of this proclamation, other then is conteyned in the same statutes and braunches. Except it be for certayne costly furrers and ryche embrodieries bought and made by sundry gentlemen, before this proclamation, to theye great costes, with whiche her hyghnesse is pleased to dispence.

Peuen at her highnes palayes of westminster, the. xxi. day of October, the first yere of her Maiesties raigne.

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**The bries content of certayne actes of Parliament
against thynordinate vse of apparell.**

Anno. xxviii. Henrici viii.



Done shall
weare in his
apparell any

Cloth of	Golde syluer. or tincle.	Except	Erles, and al of superiour degrees and viscountes, and Barons in theyr doblets & tenueliss coates.
do	Satyn, sylke, or cloth myxt with golde or syluer, nor any Sables.		
Wollen Cloth made out of the Realme	Crimson Scarlet or Blewe.	Except	Dukes Marquesses } theyr children. Erles or Barons & knyghtes of thorder.
do	Veluet		
Surres.	Blache Genets. 2 Luzerns	Except	Barons sonnes, Knyghtes or me that may dispende. li. by pere
Veluet in	Gownes Coates, or bttre most garments.	Except	Barons sonnes, Knyghtes or me that may dispende. li. by pere
Surre of Libardes Embroderye	with golde syluer or sylke,	Except	A man that may dispende one hundred pounde by pere.
Priching or printyng		Except	A man that may dispende one hundred pounde by pere.
Taffata	his btttermost garmentes.	Except	The sonne and heire or daughter of a knyght or the wyfe of the sayd sonne.
Satyn Damastre or sylke Chamlet in		Except	A man that may dispende. xx. li. by pere, or is woorth two hundred poundes in goodes.
Veluet otherwyse then in Jaketes, dobletes, &c. Surre whereof the kynde grometh not within the Quenes dominions.	Surre notes. Dodge.		

Anno. i. et. ii. Philipp et Marie.

Done shall weare
in sylke in

Hatte, Bonet,	The sonne and heire or daughter of a knyght or the wyfe of the sayd sonne.
Nyghtcap, Syrpell, Scabbard, Hosen, Shoes, Spurlethers,	A man that may dispende. xx. li. by pere, or is woorth two hundred poundes in goodes.

These be the bries contentes but of certayne partes
of the lawes now remaining in force, to thobservance
whereof her maiestie thynketh best to induce her sub-
iectes by thys shorte memoriall, and yet neuerthelesse
wylleth that all of inferiour estates, shoulde not neglect
the rest of the same lawes, lesse if they shalbe founde to
contemne these orders here mentioned, they maye sele
the payne of the rest.

There be certaine other exceptions in the
Statutes: as for such as haue licence by
the Quenes Maiestie, or such as shal run
in any Justes, or shal serue in warre, or
shal haue apparell geuen the to be worne
by her Maiestie and such like. All whiche
are wel to be consydred by them that wyl
clayme any priuilege thereby, and that at
theyr perill.

And where there is mencion made of va-
lues of verely liuelodes & goodes, the best
accompnt therof is to be made by the taxa-
tions in this last subsidey, so as if any wil
be excused by pretence of hys liuelode or
substaunce, to offend, it is as meete that
he aunswere to the Prince in subsidey for
that value, as seke defence to breake anye
good lawe, wherof her maiestie geueth to
all men admonition.

Anno. M. D. LIX.
Menfe Octobris

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